Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of the claims is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121:

1. (currently amended)   A language tutor <u>computing</u> system comprising:

<u>a first computing device configured to execute</u> a client module;

<u>a second computing device configured to execute</u> a server module<u>, wherein the first and second computing devices are one of a same device or different devices, the server module communicatively</u> coupled to the client module, the server module to download an oral language assignment to the client module to enable a student learning a language to login to the client module and perform the oral language assignment,

wherein the client module to provide a benchmark audio sentence in the language to the student, to record a recitation of the sentence from the student, to evaluate the recitation of the sentence from the student, to compare the recitation of the sentence with the benchmark audio, and to provide feedback to the student on the comparison<u>, and</u>

<u>further comprising a client computing device, the client computing device having a web browser to enable the student to communicate with the server module, wherein feedback from the comparison of the recitation of the sentence with the benchmark audio is uploaded to the second computing device to provide a learning history for the student, wherein the learning history comprises a status of the oral language assignment, feedback and grading that results from the evaluation of the oral language assignment by the client module</u>.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended)   The system of claim 3, wherein the feedback from the comparison of the recitation of the sentence by the student with the benchmark audio enables a teacher to customize oral language assignments for the student based on the student's weaknesses<u>, wherein the weaknesses are to be derived from the learning history for the student</u>.

5. (currently amended)   The system of claim 1, further comprising a <u>third</u> computing device, the <u>third</u> computing device having a web browser to enable a teacher to

communicate with the server module <u>executing on the second computing device</u>, the server module comprising a content management module, the content management module to provide content for the oral language assignment downloaded to the client module<u>, and wherein the second and third computing devices are one of a same device or different devices</u>.

6. (currently amended)   The system of claim 1, further comprising a <u>third</u> computing device, the <u>third</u> computing device having a web browser to enable a teacher to communicate with the server module <u>executing on the second computing device</u>, the server module further comprising a homework management module, the homework management module to enable the teacher to provide homework assignments to the student, the homework assignments including a homework task, a list of the students to download the homework assignments to, a due date, a number of times the student is to complete the task, a minimum score for the homework assignment, and any comments from the teacher<u>, and wherein the second and third computing devices are one of a same device or different devices</u>.

7. (currently amended)   The system of claim 1, further comprising a <u>third</u> computing device, the <u>third</u> computing device to enable a teacher to communicate with the server module <u>executing on the second device</u>, the server module further comprising an information management module to receive results from the oral language assignment and provide learning histories to the student and the teacher and to enable the teacher to provide feedback to the student on the results from the oral language assignment<u>, and wherein the second and third computing devices are one of a same device or different devices</u>.

8. (original)   The system of claim 1, wherein the feedback to the student comprises an evaluation of the student's pronunciation of each word in the sentence and each phoneme in the sentence and an evaluation of the intonation of each word in the sentence, wherein the evaluation of the intonation includes duration, stress, and pitch.

9. (currently amended)   A <u>computer implemented</u> language learning method comprising:

playing a benchmark audio <u>of an oral language assignment</u> to a student via a <u>first</u> computing device, wherein the benchmark audio comprises a sentence recited in a language to be learned by the student;

recording a recitation of the sentence in the language by the student <u>in the first computing device</u>;

evaluating the recitation of the sentence from the student <u>by a client module on the first computing device</u>; ~~and~~

comparing the recitation of the sentence from the student with the benchmark audio <u>by a client module on the first computing device; and</u>

<u>uploading feedback from the comparison of the recitation of the sentence with the benchmark audio to a second computing device as a learning history for the student, wherein the learning history comprises a status of the oral language assignment, feedback and grading that results from the evaluation of the recitation of the sentence, wherein the learning history is accessible by a teacher and the student</u>.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

providing feedback on the comparison to the student and uploading the results of the comparison to a server module to enable a teacher having access to the server to evaluate the results and provide personalized feedback to the student via a web page.

11. (currently amended)   The method of claim 9, further comprising:

providing feedback on the comparison to the student and uploading the results of the comparison to a server module to provide ~~a~~ <u>the</u> learning history to the student and a teacher via a web page.

12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein evaluating the recitation of the sentence from the student comprises:

matching text from the benchmark audio with the recitation of the sentence by the student to separate the sentence into words and phonemes;

comparing the pronunciation of each word and phoneme by the student with the pronunciation of each word and phoneme from the benchmark audio; and

comparing the intonation of each word by the student with the intonation of each word from the benchmark audio.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the intonation of each word comprises duration, stress, and pitch.

14. (currently amended)   The method of claim 9, wherein the benchmark audio is downloaded from a server to a client module and wherein the client module plays the benchmark audio to the student via the ~~client~~ first computing device.

15. (currently amended)   A language tutor computer implemented method comprising:

downloading an oral homework assignment from a server module to a client module to be distributed to a class of students for performing the oral homework assignment on a client computing device; ~~and~~

enabling each student to login to the client module to perform the oral homework assignment; and

uploading client module evaluations to the server module on a server computing device to provide learning histories on each of the students, wherein a learning history comprises the client module evaluations for each sentence recited by the student from all oral homework assignments, including a status of each oral language assignment, feedback and grading that results from the evaluation of each oral language assignment,

wherein the client module evaluates oral responses from each student based on the oral homework assignment and provides feedback on the pronunciation and intonation of each word in the oral responses from each student.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

uploading client module evaluations to the server module to enable a teacher having access to the server module to review the client module evaluations and provide personalized feedback to each student.

17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein feedback on the intonation of each word comprises duration, stress, and pitch for each word.

18. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

uploading information regarding whether or not each student in the class has performed the oral homework assignment.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended)   ~~An article comprising: a~~ A computer readable storage medium having a plurality of machine accessible instructions stored thereon, wherein when the instructions are executed by a processor, the instructions cause the processor to:

play a benchmark audio to a student via a computing device, wherein the benchmark audio comprises a sentence recited in a second language;

~~recording~~ record a recitation of the sentence in the second language by the student;

~~evaluating~~ evaluate the recitation of the sentence from the student; ~~and~~

~~comparing~~ compare the recitation of the sentence from the student with the benchmark audio; and

upload feedback from the comparison of the recitation of the sentence with the benchmark audio to a second computing device as a learning history for the student, wherein the learning history comprises a status of the oral language assignment, feedback and grading that results from the evaluation of the recitation of the sentence, wherein the learning history is accessible by a teacher and the student.

21. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ medium of claim 20, further comprising instructions for:

providing feedback on the comparison to the student and uploading the results of the comparison to a server module to enable a teacher having access to the server to evaluate the results and provide personalized feedback to the student via a web page.

22. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ <u>medium</u> of claim 20, further comprising instructions for:

providing feedback on the comparison to the student and uploading the results of the comparison to a server module <u>coupled to the second computing device</u> to provide a learning history to the student and a teacher via a web page.

23. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ <u>medium</u> of claim 20, wherein instructions for evaluating the recitation of the sentence from the student comprises instructions for:

matching text from the benchmark audio with the recitation of the sentence by the student to separate the sentence into words and phonemes;

comparing the pronunciation of each word and phoneme by the student with the pronunciation of each word and phoneme from the benchmark audio; and

comparing the intonation of each word by the student with the intonation of each word from the benchmark audio.

24. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ <u>medium</u> of claim 23, wherein the intonation of each word comprises duration, stress, and pitch.

25. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ <u>medium</u> of claim 20, wherein the benchmark audio is downloaded from a server to a client module and wherein the client module plays the benchmark audio to the student via the client computing device.

26. (currently amended)   ~~An article comprising: a~~ <u>A computer readable</u> storage medium having a plurality of machine accessible instructions <u>stored thereon</u>, wherein when the instructions are executed by a processor, the instructions <u>cause the processor to:</u>

~~provide for downloading~~ download an oral homework assignment from a server module to a client module to be distributed to a class of students for performing the oral homework assignment on a client computing device; and

~~enabling~~ enable each student to login to the client module to perform the oral homework assignment; and

receive at the server module, results from completion of the oral homework assignment by a student, wherein the a results comprise feedback from a comparison of recitation of a sentence with a benchmark audio, the results stored as a learning history for the student, wherein the learning history comprises a status of the oral homework assignment, feedback and grading that results from the evaluation of the recitation of the sentence, wherein the learning history is accessible by a teacher and the student,

wherein the client module evaluates oral responses from each student based on the oral homework assignment and provides feedback on the pronunciation and intonation of each word in the oral responses from each student.

27. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ medium of claim 26, further comprising instructions for:

uploading client module evaluations to the server module to enable a teacher having access to the server module to review the client module evaluations and provide personalized feedback to each student.

28. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ medium of claim 26, wherein feedback on the intonation of each word comprises duration, stress, and pitch for each word.

29. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ medium of claim 26, further comprising instructions for:

uploading information regarding whether or not each student in the class has performed the oral homework assignment.

30. (currently amended)   The ~~article~~ medium of claim 26, further comprising instructions for:

uploading client module evaluations to the server module to provide learning histories on each of the students, wherein a learning history comprises the client module evaluations for each sentence recited by the student from all oral homework assignments.

31. (currently amended)   A language training system comprising:

a client computing device configured to execute an online client ~~an online client~~ having oral language assignments designed to enable a student to orally practice a language to be learned by the student, the ~~online client coupled to a~~ client computing device configured to enable a student to login to the online client and perform the oral language assignments, wherein the online client is configured to provide a benchmark audio sentence in the language to the student, to record a recitation of the sentence from the student, to evaluate the recitation of the sentence from the student, to compare the recitation of the sentence with the benchmark audio, and to provide feedback to the student on the comparison, the online client further configured to upload results of the evaluation and comparison of the sentence recitation by the student to a server module executing on a server computing device, wherein the results of evaluation and comparison of the sentence recitation are uploaded as a learning history of the student, the learning history comprising a status of the sentence recitation, feedback and grading that results from the evaluation of the sentence recitation by the online client.

32. (currently amended)   The system of claim 31, further comprising a storage device on the server computing device, wherein the uploaded learning history is stored on the storage device ~~feedback from the comparison of the recitation of the sentence with the benchmark audio is stored on the storage device~~ to provide a learning history for the student, wherein the learning history for the student is accessible to both the student and a teacher.

33. (original) The system of claim 31, further comprising a second computing device, the second computing device having a web browser to enable a teacher to communicate with the online client, the online client comprising a homework management module, the homework

management module to enable the teacher to provide homework assignments to the student, the homework assignments including a homework task, a list of the students to provide access to the homework assignments, a due date, a number of times the student is to complete the task, a minimum score for the homework assignment, and any comments from the teacher.

34. (original) The system of claim 31, further comprising a second computing device, the second computing device having a web browser to enable a teacher to communicate with the online client, wherein the teacher, after reviewing the results of a comparison for a student, provides personalized feedback to the student via the online client.